

General Election Day

Tuesday following first Monday in November

By an act of Congress in 1945, the date for choosing electors was set as the Tuesday following the first Monday in the month of November of presidential years. This is called General Election Day. Most of the states take advantage of the even year November date of national elections to choose their state and districts officials as well.

During a presidential election year, it is our duty and privilege to elect the best nominees. It is the majority of our citizens who determine the policies of our country, both national and foreign. It is necessary that pupils acquire a knowledge of the special rights that some day will be theirs, and through this knowledge, gain an understanding of the importance of exercising these rights to the best of their ability.

CONCEPTS

Knowledge of the procedure of nominating and electing our presidents and other national and state officers.

Knowledge of the importance of voting as a special right of every citizen in a democracy.

Awareness of each individual's part in our type of government.

Activities

- *Read Article II, Section I, of the Constitution of the United States. Find out how a president and vice-president are nominated and elected. Read the Twelfth Amendment. How does this change the nomination and election of the vice-president?*
- *Find out how many representatives to Congress there are from North Carolina. How many senators? What are their names? Are they Democrat or Republican? How many presidential electors are there from North Carolina?*